MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The honourable member, who is a member of the Advisory Board, is very well aware that a Sub-Committee is sitting on the subject. They have not yet made a report.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Always*): Sir, I am not a member of the Sub-Committee. I do not know what they have done.

PRESIDENT: However, the question will go before the Committee.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether there is any Government order asking for the levy of fees from Muslim girls?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is a Government order sanctioning full exemption from payment of fees from Muslim girls in Departmental schools.

Village Reading Rooms.

294. *MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Village Reading Rooms have been established recently throughout the State;

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to place on the table a list showing the exact value of books, newspapers and furniture allotted to each of the Reading Rooms;

(*c*) the necessity for the Village Reading Room Committees;

(*d*) the powers and authorities of these Committees on the Reading Rooms;

(*e*) whether they realise any monthly fee from the people who read in the Reading Rooms; and

(*f*) whether the depressed classes are exempted from the liability to give monthly fee to the Reading Rooms?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 60.

(*b*) Rs. 180 for books and periodicals and Rs. 100 for articles of furniture.

(*c*) To assist the Honorary Librarian in his work.

(*d*) Not yet defined.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (*e*), this question does not arise.

Protection of depressed classes.

295. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent till the 1st Meenam 1111, out of the sum sanctioned for the protection of depressed classes, during 1111?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 3,512-9-2.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know how much money was spent to improve the housing conditions of the depressed classes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No money has actually been spent. But sanction has been given for opening a colony for depressed classes at Kulathur.

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SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : May I know whether any money had been spent by way of medical relief to depressed classes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Does the member want the amounts specially spent for medical relief to depressed classes?

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Was anything spent specially for medical relief to depressed classes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Expenses incurred by the Medical Department are meant for giving relief to depressed classes also.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : May I know how much money lapsed towards this purpose in the previous year from the allotted funds?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Recruitment of depressed class members to the Public Service.

296. * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Protector of Depressed Classes has consulted the Public Service Commissioner with regard to the candidates for recruitment from the depressed olasses ; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of such consultation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ഈ സംഖ്യ ഏതെല്ലാം ഇനങ്ങളിലേക്ക് ചിലവാക്കി എന്ന് പറയാമൊ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : ഫസ്റ്റ് ഓപ്പറേഷൻ ശമ്പളം, എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെൻറ് ചിലവ് സെക്കന്റ് ഓപ്പറേഷൻ, ട്രാവലിംഗ് അലവൻസ് തേർഡ് ഓപ്പറേഷൻ, തൻചിലവ് നാലാമത്തെ ഓപ്പറേഷൻ.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : അധഃകൃതരുടെ പൊതു ആവശ്യത്തിനായി ഈ സംഖ്യയിൽനിന്നും എത്രത്തോളം ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : ഈ സംഖ്യ മുഴുവനും അധഃകൃതസമുദായത്തിനു വേണ്ടി ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ഈ സംഖ്യ അധഃകൃതാപേക്ഷകരുടെ സഞ്ചാരപടിയും മറ്റും ചിലവാക്കി എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ മനസിലാക്കീട്ടുള്ളത്. സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിനായി അതിലുള്ള അംഗങ്ങളുടെ നന്മക്കായി വേണ്ടി എന്തു ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന് പറയാമൊ?

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